In-Class Visit Teacher Information Packet
Dear Educator,

We are very pleased to now offer the Greater Memphis area with exceptional in-class educational opportunities from the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa. While visiting your classroom cannot replace the experience of your students or group coming to the Museum and viewing the mounds built by Native Americans over 500 years ago, we are certain you will find the experience of our presentation in your school a worthwhile addition to your educational offering.

We are able to bring to your classroom several programs that will take one class period of 45 to 60 minutes to complete. The presentations will be given to your class by a trained professional such as a graduate of the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program at the University of Memphis. As well, all of our program offerings are tied directly to the Curriculum Standards of the public schools in your District. A correlation of our programs to those standards is listed on our website at www.memphis.edu/chucalissa

As detailed below, our in-class program offerings focus on the traditional Native American and African American cultures of the Memphis area. Given current constraints on education budgets, we have kept the expense for our visiting your school to the low rate of only 75.00 per hour as detailed below. A reduced rate is possible for a multiple presentations at the same institution on the same day. As resources are available, we hope to offer partial subsidies to offset the fee expense.

To arrange and prepare for our visit to your classroom, this packet contains information about our program offerings and how you may reserve a time for a visit. We encourage you to share this information with other educators who will have an interest in our visiting their classroom or group setting.

If you have additional questions or for more information, please feel free to call us at 901.785.3160 or write to chucalissa@memphis.edu. Thank you for choosing the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa. We look forward to filling your educational needs.

Sincerely,

Robert Connolly,
Director C.H. Nash Museum
Have The C.H. Nash Museum Visit Your Classroom

The C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa offers a variety of challenging and fulfilling programs for your institution. These programs range from Native American culture to African American history. To schedule one of the programs listed below for your classroom, call the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa at 901.785.3160.
In-Class Programs

All of our in-class programs listed below are tied to the Curriculum Standards for Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. For the concordance of programs to standards, please reference our Curriculum Standards Packet at www.memphis.edu/chucalissa.

Native American Music
- This program offers a unique opportunity for your students or group to experience traditional Native American music compared to other cultures of the world. A hands-on activity is included that invites students to play on authentic Native American and other world culture instruments.
- Age Appropriate: K-12th grade.

Southeast Native Americans: Prehistory to Trail of Tears
- Explore the presence of American Indians in the Midsouth from 10,000 BC to their forced removal from the region in the 1830s.
- A hands on activity is included in this program. Your students or group will be given the opportunity to handle authentic Native American artifacts including stone tools and ceramics.
- Age Appropriate: 7th Grade – 12th Grade

“Trash Talks”: The Principles of Archaeology
- Archaeologists excavate through what people left behind, or their garbage. Pretend you are an archaeologist from the future examining the trash of today. What can you learn about our culture from our trash? Examine the modern “artifacts” left behind to discover the life ways of today.
- Age Appropriate: 5th Grade – 12th Grade

African American Cultural Heritage in Southwest Memphis
- This program provides surveys the everyday life of an African American in Southwest Memphis from the Civil War to the present. Your students or group will learn about the leaders, music traditions, events, and other life activities that were common during these periods.
- Depending on age group, this program includes either a video presentation or a hands on activity.
- Age Appropriate: 5th Grade – 12th Grade

Native American Storytelling
- This program gives students the opportunity to hear an authentic Native American story. If your group is over the age of 6, they will be invited to participate in the story-telling activity by way of playing musical instruments during the reading.
- Age Appropriate: K – 3rd Grade
In-Class Visit Fee

The following fees are charged for in-class visits to your school

- $75.00 for up to one hour of in-class programming. $75.00 is the minimum charge for any in-class program.
- $50.00 for each additional hour of in-class programming at the same school on the same day.
- $25.00 per hour for presenter idle time between class presentations

There is no travel fee for programs presented to schools within Shelby County, Tennessee, Desoto County, Mississippi, or Crittenden County, Arkansas. A 25.00 travel expense is charged for all programs outside the noted counties.

All fees are due at the time of program presentation or before.

Preparing For Our Visit to Your Classroom

Be sure to stay in contact with the C.H. Nash Museum staff. After you make your reservation for an in-class visit, you will receive a confirmation letter and a copy of a reservation form. These forms will detail procedures such as arrival and departure time, payment options, and the program you selected for your class. If you have questions, do not hesitate to e-mail or call!

Your program presenter from the C.H. Nash Museum will arrive 30 minutes before the actual presentation start time in order to set-up the program and hands-on activities.

If the visit will include multiple presentations, please be certain that the logistics are coordinated for the smooth transition between class settings.

- A presentation is normally 45 – 60 minutes. Please be certain to specify the start and stop times for the presenter. With advance notice, the length of a program can be adjusted according to your classroom needs.

If you have special programming requests, do not hesitate to call or e-mail them to us.

Please be sure to schedule your in-class visit with at least two weeks advance notice. If you wish to cancel your visit, please do so with one week’s advance notice. Cancellations with less than 48 hours notice will be charged the full program fee.

Please remember that teachers/chaperones are responsible for maintaining order with students/audience members. Adult participation will assure a more exciting and educational experience for all!